(b) if so, the counter measures being taken by Government to meet this threat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All developments having a bearing on the country's security and kept under constant observation by Government and appropriate counter-measures are initiated from time to time, to maintain defence preparedness. The Indian Navy is also re-equipped and modernised in keeping with the emerging threat perceptions.

Funds for armed forces

6352. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 70 per cent of our defence allocation will go towards merely maintaining the armed forces and the remaining funds will be quite insufficient to meet the requirements of having sophisticated weaponry;

(b) if so, whether Government will consider revamping the defence strategy, trim down the armed forces to a lesser level and adopt conscription to augment the defence personnel in times of national emergency which, besides resulting in considerable economy in the salary, pension, and other establishment expenditure, will also bring about discipline in the youth and subsequently the whole nation; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

The allcoations made will be sufficient to meet all obligatory and maintenance expenses together with provision to cover contractual commitments for on-going programmes. In addition, adequate provision have also been made to enable the Defence Services to undertake some new schemes under modernisation.

It would, therefore, not be correct to say that insufficient funds are provided to meet requirements of having sophisticated weapons.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

गाजियाबाद स्थित एयर फोर्स स्टेशन में केन्द्रीय विद्यालय में फोटोग्राफी की अनुमति

6353. **श्रीमती मालती शर्मा:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या एयरफोर्स स्टेशन, दादरी, जिला गाजियाबाद (उत्तर प्रदेश) के संवेदनशील प्रतिबन्धित क्षेत्र में चल रहे केन्द्रीय विद्यालय के परिसर में वर्ष 1994-95 में आयोजित विभिन्न समारोहों के दौरन प्रधानाचार्य द्वारा फोटोग्राफी की अनुमति दी गई थी;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इस प्रयोजनार्थ सक्षम प्राधिकारी की पूर्व अनुमति ली गई थी;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उस सक्षम प्राधिकारी का पदनाम क्या है तथा इस संबंध में अनुमति-पत्रों की तारीख क्या-क्या है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके कारण इस सुरक्षा चूक के लिए जिम्मेदार प्राधिकारी का नाम क्या है तथा क्या कार्यवाही की गई है अथवा किए जाने का विचार है?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन): (क) से (घ) केन्द्रीय विद्यालय एक गैर संवेदनशील संगठन है। इस तरह विद्यालय में आयोजित किए जाने वाले समारोहों में फोटो लेने के लिए अनुमति लेने की आवश्यकता नहीं है।

Availability of defence land for Ring Road Project in Bangalore

6354. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has requested the Ministry of Defence to make available Defence land for the Ring Road Project at Bangalore;

(b) whether Government are aware that the Ring Road Project is almost

ready except a small stretch passing through defence land;

(c) what are the reasons for not considering the request so far, since it is for the public purpose and will help to relieve the traffic congestion at Bangalore; and

(d) whether Government will consider the request in the public interest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Ministry of Defence have agreed to transfer 17 acres and 14 gunth as of Defence Land (17 acres in Agaram Plains, 9 gunthas in Sy. No. 53 of Iblur Village and 5 gunthas in Sy. No. 21 of Haralakunte village) to the State Govt. of Karnataka for the Ring Road Project in exchange for State Govt. land of equivalent area and payment of difference in the value of Defence land and State Govt. land.

Establishment of firing range in Jharkhand region

6355. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any efforts are being made by defence ministry to establish a field firing range in tribal region of Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any resistance by the tribals to the project and if so, details thereof;

(d) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news items "Army Project main issue in Jharkhand region" that appeared in the Hindu dated 2nd March, 1995; and

(e) whether Government will relocate the project outside Jharkhand region in view of the opposition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (c) There is already a Range notified by Government of Bihar since 1956 and upto May 2002. Keeping in view the needs of the Army, a Pilot Project was taken up to acquire some of the land for impact area, camping ground etc. Considering the representations received from local population, the Central Government have decided not to progress this Pilot Project.

(d) and (e) The Government is aware of the captioned news item. The State Government of Bihar have agreed to make available an alternative site to relocate the Project.

Expansion of Naval Training Centre at Orissa

6356. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to expand the Naval Training Centre at Chilka in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details of steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The existing training facilities at Chilka are considered adequate to cater for the present level of induction in the Navy. As such, there is no plan for expansion of Naval Training Centre at Chilka.

Enquiry against Air Force Depot, Avadi

6357. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an enquiry has been completed against the Air Force Depot at Avadi for holding on with stock and stores of shop-soiled shoes/boots for airforce personnel;

(b) whether the quality of such shoes has been compromised and the procurement of about 30,000 pairs has been a total loss;